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A CRITICAL SITUATION.

The Japanese Government Threatens
to Retaliate.

R. W. Irwin, Hawaiian Minister
to Japan, arrived in Honolulu yester-
day on the Gaelic. He was not
expected, and is credited with
being the bearer of important des-
patches to this Government. A
Cabinet Council was called yester-
day to consider the situation. The
Minister of Foreign Affairs and the
President were recient when ques-
tioned. It appears, however, that
Japan abides by her former de-
mand for full equality for her sub-
jects with other aliens, in political
as well as other matters. In case
the demands are not granted, it is
understood that Japan will retaliate,
but in what way is not known,
except that the further immigration
of Japanese to Hawaii will
cease. Cabinet officers were in-
clined to attach little importance
to the suggestion that the Imperial
Government would withdraw, or
endeavor to withdraw, the Japanese
laborers now here.

Minister Irwin has taken up his
residence at Waikeiki, and will prob-
ably remain here for sometime.

Mormon Missionaries.

Sixteen Mormon missionaries—
fourteen men and two women—are
at the Ross House, en route to
Hawaii, New Zealand, Samoa and
New South Wales on a proselyting
tour. Each member of the party
pays his or her own expenses on the
trip, which it is estimated will
amount to \$500 each. Members of
the party say that over 400 mission-
aries have been sent out to various
quarters of the globe during the past
year by the Mormon church, and that
the reception accorded to them is
much better than in years past, the
worst section in this respect being
the Southern States in this country.
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TOBACCO RAISING.

What Might Be a Profitable Busi-
ness for Hawaii.

Among the minor industries of the
Islands the cultivation of tobacco is
one which has received very little at-
tention. It grows rank in all parts of
the islands, but it does not appear
that any considerable amount of cap-
ital has ever been put into the culti-
vation or cure of it. During the war
in 1832 Capt. Dudoit and his son
bought up considerable of the native
raised tobacco and in their crude way
endeavored to put it into a market-
able shape and sold their product at
from \$2.50 to \$3 per pound, but
neither of them had had any prac-
tical experience in that line and at-
tempted to follow descriptions of the
manufacture as found in books. Chas.
Dudoit informed the writer that they
were puzzled to get rid of the appar-
ent excess of saltpetre which the to-
bacco contained, but otherwise made
a very handsome bright article of
plug tobacco. All with whom I have
consulted speak of the rank growth of
tobacco, and some tell of the appre-
ciation in value it has been held by
men from the South who were judges
of the article.

Tobacco is of American origin and
is known since 1530 when it was intro-
duced into Portugal. Its botanical
name, *Nicotiana glauca*, is from Jean
Nico, who was French Ambassador
to Portugal and sent seeds from
thence to France. The word tobacco
was from tobacco, or tobacco the name
of the pipe used in Santo Domingo for
smoking the dried herb. Although a
tropical plant it has been found to
grow well in Canada and Germany.
It was first used as a medicinal plant,
but its use as a luxury has spread
over the whole world to the extent
that probably nine-tenths of the in-
habitants use it in one form or an-
other. Thus the market is without
limit and governments have discov-
ered the taxing of it to be a fertile
source of revenue.

Its cultivation has received atten-
tion commensurate with its great
value as a commercial commodity. It
is a great impoverisher of the soil
which has to be continually manured
and fertilized to keep up the standard
and output. The soil of the islands
seems to be peculiarly adapted to it
and its cultivation should be encour-
aged as from its portability it can be
raised in the elevated districts of the
islands where land is cheap and which
are at a distance from landings. The
assertion that island tobacco is sur-
charged with saltpetre in excess of the
percentage necessary speaks highly in
its favor as the curing of it in some
instances requires the addition of this
adjunct and by the latest processes
the abstraction of any excess in that
particular is easy. Two or three suc-
cessive crops will soon equalize the
soil; in fact nitrogen is the principal
element of which its cultivation de-
prives the land. Some crude attempts
have been made to manufacture cigars
from the native tobacco but as the
process of curing was little understood
they ended in failure. The tobacco
raised by natives is cut after the dew
is off, the leaves are then hung in the
shade of a tree or shed, built for the
purpose, care being taken that they
do not become crisp. They are then
moistened to facilitate stemming and
are carefully laid out and rolled up in
bundles. For use they are dried over
a fire one by one and crushed fine for
smoking, the only use to which they
put. The seed of tobacco is very fine,
a thimble full being sufficient to raise
plants sufficient to fill an acre of
ground. It is sown in beds of richly
manured soil, and when four or five
inches high, transplanted at from 4000
to 7000 plants per acre. It requires a
great deal of attention, as, acid and
pungent though the leaf is, certain
worms and caterpillars fatten on it to
the exclusion of any other plant.
When a certain height it requires to
be topped and thereafter the sprouts
which spring from the trunk above
the leaves must be removed. The
leaves are separated into sizes and
tied in bundles called "hands" and
hung up to dry in the shade, buildings
especially constructed for the purpose
being used. It is then put through a
sweating process and redried. Again
it is moistened for the purpose of stem-
ming when it is carefully packed in
hogsheads for shipping. The large,
smooth tough leaf of the Hawaiian
tobacco is peculiarly adapted for
wrappers for cigars and which brings
the highest price. It may be that if
anyone having the necessary capital
and experience should embark in the
cultivation of tobacco on the islands
that it would be found that Haw-
aiki is not second to Cuba in the
value of the product. There are
thousands of acres on the leeward
sides of the islands which are shel-
tered from the trade winds which are
pre-eminently adapted to the cultiva-
tion of tobacco, and which, from the
formation of the land, being rocky,
could be had at a low price or rental.

The use of tobacco, though con-
demned by many, is not found to be
particularly injurious. Dentists as-
sert that, although an uncleanly
habit, it is not injurious to the teeth.
It is contended that its use by the
young should be prohibited, as it in-
flames against the growth of the brain,
and in the mature brain its abuse
tends to insanity, or to a desire for
alcoholic liquors, which are an anti-
dote. I speak of it as an article of
commerce and one of the industries
which it is to be hoped some capital-
ist will be induced to give a fair trial to.

JAMES W. GILVINS.

DEATH ON LAYSAN ISLAND.

Hans Holstein Found Dead in Capt.
Freeth's Cabin.

HAD DIED SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE.

An Unfortunate German Left Alone on
a Desert Island is Found in a Ter-
rible Condition by the Captain of the
Brig L'Avener—Holstein's Will.

The British brig L'Avener, Cap-
tain F. P. Jameson, was sighted
about noon yesterday, and was
towed into the harbor during the
afternoon and anchored in the
stream. Captain Jameson came
ashore at once, and when seen by
an ADVERTISER reporter he told
the story of the death of Hans Hol-
stein, a German, who was employed
on Laysan Island by Captain
Freeth. The brig put in at the is-
land on the 15th ult., to get some
provisions if it was a possible

thing, as all the meat on board of
the vessel had spoiled.

Captain Jameson went on shore
and was surprised to see evidences
of habitation and finally entered a
house which is usually occupied by
Captain Freeth and his family
when they are on the island. When
he crossed the threshold his nostrils
were assailed by a terrible odor.

A second later he saw the body
of a man sitting in a chair,
with one hand resting on a
table and clasping a small book.

The body was in an advanced stage
of decomposition, and the captain
judged that the man had been dead
for at least two weeks. The cap-
tain, very humanely, then ordered
a grave to be dug, and with his
own hands placed the body in it,
the sailors absolutely refusing
to touch it. After this was
done he returned to the house
and collected the effects
of the dead man, which consisted
of a compass, quadrant, a watch
and chain, some papers, including
a letter addressed to Captain
Freeth, and the small book before

mentioned. In the book the dead
man had made daily en-
tries of happenings. He wrote
but little about his illness, and said
nothing about the symptoms, and so
the cause of death will never be de-
termined. The unfortunate man
wrote in German, and the last
entry made by him was on April
30th, when he wrote: "I cannot
write any more." Previous to his
death he made his will. It appears
in the little book, and leaves every-
thing to his daughter, who lives on
Kauai with a married sister. He
had no property, and what is left
to the daughter is money due her
father from the company that em-
ployed him. The sad death was
commented upon yesterday by
many people, and some persons
were disposed to censure the com-
pany for allowing the man to re-
main alone on the island. Others
say that Holstein volunteered to
remain there. He had been em-

ployed by Governor Freeth for
three years, and had been on Lay-
san Is. and for about six months.

The L'Avener had a rough trip
up. She left Newcastle on Feb.
1st for San Francisco, with a cargo
of coal for Williams, Brown & Co.
Before she reached Laysan Island
the vessel was caught in a severe
gale, and before the storm was over
most of her yards were sprung and
the seams on the sides of the ves-
sel were opened and allowed the
water to run in every time a heavy
sea was met with. Pumping was
constantly kept up until the arrival
of the vessel at this port. She will
be recalced here and then will
resume her voyage. The vessel is
owned solely by Captain Jameson,
and is an Italian-built brig, but is
now registered under the British
flag. He has had an unpleasant
trip all around and is glad to be in
port.

OFF FOR AFRICA.

Tommy Lucas May Leave for That
Sunny Land.

It is said that Thomas Lucas, of
the Honolulu Planing Mill, is very
tired of Honolulu and its environs
and is now engaged in getting to-
gether a party to leave for South
Africa to better his and his com-
panions' fortunes. When ques-
tioned about the story, two of Mr.
Lucas' brothers admitted it was a
fact, but when he was seen last
night he appeared to be averse to
having any mention of his proposed
trip made in the newspapers.

"There is something in it," he
said, "but I do not want anything
said about it."

When pressed for a statement re-
garding his plans, he replied that
he expected to leave for Africa in
about four months, with a party of
about twenty. It will include
three carpenters, three bricklayers,
two masons, one jeweler and one
engineer, with their families. Mr.
Lucas admitted that he had
been working on the scheme
for some time and has received
several letters from the boom town
of Johannesburg, the party's ob-
jective point. He would not dis-
close the names of the people who
are to accompany him on his ven-
turesome journey but from other
sources it is learned that Robert
More, formerly superintendent of
the Union Iron Works, E. B.
Thomas, the local contractor, and
possibly C. B. Wilson, will all go.

It will be a surprise to many to
hear that Wilson is going and the
statement is based on a remark
made by Lucas who said "Unless
the Queen is restored, Wilson will
not bother anybody, after four
months have elapsed." Mr. Lucas
appears to be in earnest regarding
the trip but as said before he is ex-
tremely reticent regarding it.

Just what the party will do after
arriving on Africa's sunny shores,
is not known, but "Tommy" drop-
ped a hint that he might go into

politics, a business that he was
formerly engaged in when the
National Reform Party was in ex-<